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61/257. Strengthening of the capacity of the Organization to advance the disarmament agenda

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/90 of 14 December 1976, 37/99 K of 13 December 1982 and 52/12 A of 12 November 1997,

Reaffirming the central role and primary responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament,

Bearing in mind the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Organization,[1]

Taking note of the intention of the Secretary-General to establish an Office for Disarmament Affairs and to appoint a High Representative as the head of this Office,

1. *Supports* the establishment of an Office for Disarmament Affairs, while maintaining the budgetary autonomy and the integrity of the existing structures and functions of the current Department for Disarmament Affairs, and the appointment of a High Representative as the head of the Office for Disarmament Affairs at the rank of Under-Secretary-General, and welcomes the fact that the High Representative will report directly to the Secretary-General and be part of the policy decision-making process of the Secretariat;

2. *Stresses* that the Office for Disarmament Affairs will fully implement the relevant mandates, decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, as soon as possible following the appointment of the High Representative, a report, in accordance with established procedures, on the financial, administrative and budgetary implications arising from the appointment of the High Representative and the implementation of the mandates assigned to the Office for Disarmament Affairs;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session on the activities of the Office for Disarmament Affairs.

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[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration at its sixty-third session a report to review the implementation of the present resolution.

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